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WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE NRO STAFF

December 11, 1969



MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SMART

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Study of the CORONA ERS Role

As you are aware, we have held preliminary discussions with your representatives following Dr. McLucas' offer of the CORONA system to NASA. We are hopeful that formal studies to determine the capability of the CORONA to satisfy NASA ERS mission requirements may begin shortly.

In anticipation of formal studies, we have prepared a set of guidelines which I have attached. These are brief but are intended to closely control the information flowing from the studies to preclude premature public disclosure and permit us to resolve the problems of national policy and security resulting from a decision to use the CORONA system in the ERS role.

The guidelines are written to apply to contracted studies, but would apply equally to in-house efforts. If these are acceptable to you I propose that they be effective immediately.

LEW ALLEN, JR.  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director

Attachment

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GUIDELINES FOR STUDIES ON APPLICATION OF CORONA  
TO THE NASA ERS PROGRAM

1. The NRO will perform contracting functions. Studies are to be funded by NASA through the NRO by interdepartmental fund transfer.
2. This effort will be performed by special study contracts within the BYEMAN system, project CORONA, with access on a must know basis.
3. Contractors will be authorized to communicate only with designated contacts within NASA and the NRO. There will be no unsolicited briefings or proposals without prior NRO approval.
4. The NRO will perform security review before any information is released -- briefings, reports or public statements.
5. The NRO will have review and approval authority for the statements of work to be prepared by NASA.
6. Statements of work will be written to reflect that the primary purpose of the studies is to determine the applicability of the J-3 CORONA to the NASA ERS Program.

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